<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend Claim 27 as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A method of managing images on an image management device comprising at least one connector for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, images on the memory space not in the first category being images in a second category, the method comprising:

configuring at least one image management file containing information relating to the management of the images in the first category and to the management of the images in the second category, and saving the image management file in a memory space belonging to the image management device and different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information;

then, following connection of the memory space containing the images and the selection information to the image management device:

obtaining the selection information for the images from the connected memory space; and

managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in the at least one configured image management file.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A management method according to Claim 1, further comprising connecting a memory space to the image management device by connecting an image processing apparatus.

4. (Previously Presented) A management method according to Claim 3, further comprising, at the image processing apparatus, making a selection of images and supplying image selection information.

5. (Previously Presented) A management method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of configuring at least one image management file is performed on a device comprising a user interface, remote from the device connected to the memory space.

6. (Previously Presented) A management method according to Claim 1, further comprising recognizing the apparatus connected or the memory space connected to the image management device before obtaining the selection information.

7. (Previously Presented) A management method according to Claim 6, further comprising selecting at least one configured management file corresponding to the connected apparatus or to the connected memory space.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the image management comprises applying a processing function to the images.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 9, wherein the step of applying the processing function includes the step of using a set of processing parameters associated with the function.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 9, wherein applying a processing function comprises applying processing functions in a list consisting of image compression, anti red-eye processing, transfer via a messaging service, transfer over a communication network, printing, transcoding or a combination of the above functions.

12. (Previously Presented) An image management device comprising:

at least one connector for connecting at least one memory space to the image management device, which memory space contains images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, images on the memory space not in the first category being images in a second category;

at least one memory space different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information, and including at least one configurable image management file containing information on the management of the images in the first category and on the management of the images in the second category;

a first manager for obtaining the selection information for the images from the connected memory space; and

a second manager for managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file .

13. (Previously Presented) An image management device according to Claim 12, wherein said at least one memory space is included in or is insertable in an image processing apparatus.

14. (Previously Presented) An image management device according to Claim 12, further comprising an image processing apparatus that includes the memory space for connection to the connector.

15. (Previously Presented) An image management device according to Claim 14, wherein the image processing apparatus is operable to make a selection of images and to supply the selection information.

16. (Previously Presented) An image management device according to Claim 14, configured to recognize an image processing apparatus or a memory space which is connected to it.

17. (Previously Presented) An image management device according to Claim 12, wherein the second manager is operable to apply processing functions to the images.

18-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) An image management device according to Claim 12, further comprising an image transcoder.

23. (Previously Presented) An image management device according to Claim 12, integrated in a printer.

24. (Previously Presented) A printer comprising:

at least one connector for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, non-selected images on the memory space being images in a second category;

at least one memory space, different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information, and including at least one configurable image management file containing information on the management of the images in the first category and on the management of the images in the second category;

a first manager for obtaining the selection information for the images in the connected memory space; and

a second manager for managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program, said program comprising instructions for implementing an image management method on an image management device comprising at least one connector for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, images on the memory space not in the first category being images in a second category, the method comprising:

configuring at least one image management file containing information relating to the management of the images in the first category and to management of the images in the second category, and saving the image management file in a memory space belonging to the image management device and different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information;

then, following connection of the memory space containing the images and the selection information to the image management device;

obtaining selection information for the images from the connected memory space; and

managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in the at least one configured image management file.

27. (Currently Amended) An image management device according to claim 12,

wherein a plurality of processing apparatus ~~and/~~or memory cards are registered with the image management device, and

wherein the image management device comprises at least one management file corresponding to each processing apparatus or memory card registered with the device.

28. (Previously Presented) A method of managing images on an image management device

comprising at least one means for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, images on the memory space not in the first category being images in a second category, the method comprising:

configuring at least one image management file containing information relating to the management of the images in the first category and to management of the images in the second category, and saving the image management file in a memory space belonging to the image management device and different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information;

then, following connection of the memory space containing the images and the selection information to the image management device:

obtaining the selection information for the images from the connected memory space; and

managing the images in the first category and images in the second category according to the information in the at least one configured image management file.

29. (Previously Presented) An image management device comprising:

at least one means for connecting at least one memory space to the image management device, which memory space contains images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, images on the memory space not in the first category being images in a second category;

at least one memory space, different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information, and including at least one configurable image management file containing information on the management of the images in the first category and on the management of the images in the second category;

means for obtaining the selection information for the images from the connected memory space; and

means for managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file.

30. (Previously Presented) A printer comprising:

at least one means for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information identifying images on the memory space in a first category, non-selected images on the memory space being images in a second category;

at least one memory space, different from the memory space containing the images and the selection information, and including at least one configurable image management file containing information on the management of the images in the first category and on the management of the images in the second category;

means for obtaining the selection information for the images from the connected memory space; and

means for managing the images in the first category and the images in the second category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file.